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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/727,757	Applicant(s) HELGENBERG ET AL.	
	Examiner Dameon E. Levi	Art Unit 2841	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**Claims 1,2, and 4-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boulay et al US Patent 5204496.**

**Regarding claim 1,** Boulay et al discloses a system comprising:

an electronic assembly having an enclosure(for example, see elements 10, 12, Fig 1), a first access opening(for example, see first element 20, Fig 1) defined by said enclosure, and a second access opening(for example, see second element 20, Fig 1) defined by said enclosure;

a device(for example, see element 46, Fig 1) coupled to said electronic assembly via said first access opening; and

a shield(for example, see first element 22, Fig 1-7, element 122, Fig 8) coupled to said electronic assembly and positioned to cover said second access opening defined by said enclosure, said shield being configured to inhibit electromagnetic interference emissions associated with said electronic assembly through said second access opening.

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**Regarding claim 2**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said first and second access openings are defined along a common surface of the enclosure(for example, see elements 20, Fig 1).

**Regarding claim 4**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said electronic assembly is an interconnect configured to receive said device, said interconnect having a connector assembly routed between said first and second access openings(for example, see elements 10, 46, 21 Figs 1,2).

**Regarding claim 5**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said shield comprises:  
a cover portion(for example, see element 22, Figs 1-7, 122, Fig 8); and a plurality of extensions (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7); adjacent said cover portion, said extensions together at least partially defining a channel(for example, see element 33, Figs 1-7,)extending along at least a portion of said cover portion, said channel having substantially parallel boundaries, said channel being configured to received a portion of the enclosure and to slidably engage the enclosure such that, when engaged, said cover portion inhibits electromagnetic interference emissions from the enclosure (for example, see Figs 6 and 7);

**Regarding claim 6**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions comprises :

a first slide rail(for example, see element 30, Figs 1-7,); and  
a second slide rail (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); spaced from said first slide rail and substantially parallel to said first slide rail to define said channel therebetween(for example, see element 34,Figs 6 and 7,).

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**Regarding claim 7**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions comprises :

a first plurality of substantially aligned detents(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); positioned along a first axis; and a second plurality of substantially aligned detents (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); spaced from the first plurality of substantially aligned detents and positioned along a second axis substantially parallel to the first axis to define said channel there between(for example, see element 34,Figs 6 and 7,).

**Regarding claim 8**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions are coupled to said cover portion(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7).

**Regarding claim 9**, Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions extend from said cover portion(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7).

**Regarding claim 10**, Boulay et al discloses further comprising:

a fastener coupled to the cover portion to secure the cover portion to the enclosure (for example, see element 36, Figs 1-7).

**Regarding claim 11**, Boulay et al discloses an outer cover portion (for example, see element 54, Figs 1-7)spaced from and substantially parallel to said cover portion, said outer cover portion and said cover portion together defining a space there between.

**Regarding claim 12**, Boulay et al discloses a shield comprising:

a cover portion(for example, see element 22, Figs 1-7, 122, Fig 8); and  
a plurality of extensions (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7); adjacent said cover portion, said extensions together at least partially defining a channel(for example, see

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element 33, Figs 1-7,) extending along at least a portion of said cover portion, said channel having substantially parallel boundaries, said channel being configured to received a portion of the enclosure and to slidably engage the enclosure such that, when engaged, said cover portion inhibits electromagnetic interference emissions from the enclosure(for example, see Figs 6 and 7).

**Regarding claim 13,** Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions comprises :

a first slide rail(for example, see element 30, Figs 1-7,); and a second slide rail (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); spaced from said first slide rail and substantially parallel to said first slide rail to define said channel therebetween(for example, see element 34,Figs 6 and 7,).

**Regarding claim 14,** Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions comprises :

a first plurality of substantially aligned detents(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); positioned along a first axis; and a second plurality of substantially aligned detents (for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7,); spaced from the first plurality of substantially aligned detents and positioned along a second axis substantially parallel to the first axis to define said channel there between(for example; see element 34,Figs 6 and 7,).

**Regarding claim 15,** Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions are coupled to said cover portion(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7).

**Regarding claim 16,** Boulay et al discloses wherein said plurality of extensions extend from said cover portion(for example, see element 32, Figs 1-7).

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**Regarding claim 17**, Boulay et al discloses further comprising:

a fastener coupled to the cover portion to secure the cover portion to the enclosure (for example, see element 36, Figs 1-7).

**Regarding claim 18**, Boulay et al discloses an outer cover portion (for example, see element 54, Figs 1-7) spaced from and substantially parallel to said cover portion, said outer cover portion and said cover portion together defining a space there between.

**Regarding claims 19 and 20**, the methods disclosed therein are deemed as being inherent in the assembly and operation of the claimed apparatus since the elements of the claimed invention are taught or suggested in the prior art of record (Boulay et al).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boulay et al US Patent 5204496 in view of Miller US Statutory Invention Registration H526.**

**Regarding claim 3**, Boulay et al discloses the instant claimed invention except wherein said first and second access openings are defined along different surfaces of the enclosure.

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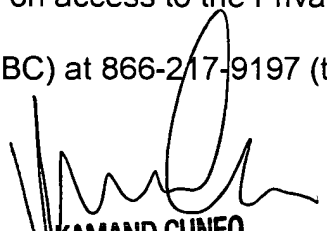
Miller discloses an assembly enclosure wherein said first and second access openings are defined along different surfaces of the enclosure (for example see top and side openings corresponding to elements 114, 112, Fig 1).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have defined access openings in different surfaces of the enclosure as taught by Miller in the assembly as taught by Boulay et al for the purpose of facilitating ease of access to the components housed therein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dameon E. Levi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2105. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (9:00 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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